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## MURPHY AND FORD SWUNG OFF.

How They Tried to Cheat the Gallows With Belladonna—A Minute and Correct History of the Crime.

New Orleans, March 12.—Ford and Murphy were hanged here today at 12:51 p. m.

New Orleans, March 12.—At 7:30 this morning when the keepers made efforts to arouse Ford and Murphy they could not awaken them. After an examination by physicians they concluded that the men had taken belladonna. At 9:30 Murphy rallied, but Ford is still unconscious.

## THE CRIME

For which Ford and Murphy were hanged is without parallel in the history of New Orleans. The high position of the accused and those associated with them; the boldness and audacity of the crime itself, and the social, political and financial influences brought to bear to retard and divert justice made the trial noted. The central figure was Judge Thomas J. Ford, late recorder of the city of New Orleans, now serving out a twenty years' sentence in the penitentiary for the part he played in the murder. He was a shrewd politician and the only thorn in his political flesh was Captain A. Murphy, also a cousin of ex-Congressman E. John Ellis. The quarrel between these men dates back four years. Murphy was brought before Ford charged with some violation of law and Ford denounced him as a hooligan city official. Murphy responded with a challenge, which the Judge declined. Murphy then posted him throughout the city as a coward, liar and thief, and proclaimed it so often that the judge finally had him indicted for criminal libel. Murphy claimed up to the day of his death that he had in his possession ample evidence to prove that Ford was a thief and embezzler, but never had an opportunity to produce this, for on the very day of his trial on charge of criminal libel he was murdered in cold blood. The murder was done in broad day in a populous section of the city in the very face of hundreds of law abiding citizens and the murderers walked away unknown.

On the morning of the murder, Dec. 1, 1884, Captain Murphy was directing the labor of some fifty or sixty men at work cleaning Clayborn canal. The "captain" was seated on the doorstep of the house, corner of Clayborn and Stone streets with no thought of danger, when two men stepped around the corner and without a word of warning opened fire on him. Murphy fled up the street around the corner, followed by his assailants. At the corner he encountered two more men placed there to intercept him and they opened fire also. Murphy continued down Clayborn street, his pursuers increasing until no less than twelve were in hot chase. On Dumaine street he was finally brought to the ground and two of the assailants walked up, turned the body over, fired bullet after bullet into it, until life was extinct and the body a horrible sight to behold. The murderers turned from the victim and disappeared. After an investigation Judge Ford, his brother, Pat Ford, his cousin, Officers John Murphy, Buckley, Caulfield, Fayette and Bader, five officers of Judge Ford's court, were arrested as the murderers. After a long trial Pat Ford and John Murphy were sentenced to be hanged, but Judge Ford came forward and publicly stated that he was alone guilty of the murder and Murphy and his brother were innocent. The popular verdict, however, was "It comes too late" and, as Pat Ford was among the party of assassins he was equally guilty of murder and so the case rested. This is the story of the murder of Captain Murphy by the judge of the court of record, aided by the officers of the court, for which two men have been hanged and three others are now serving out a twenty years' sentence at hard labor.

## Mean Business.

At a recent meeting of the board of trade of Clinton, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, which shows the feelings of the people at that place, in respect to this enterprise and the work being done to secure the road:

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Kansas City & Colorado railroad Co. is engaged in building a great trunk line from St. Louis through Clinton and westward, and

WHEREAS, we, the board of trade of Clinton, are desirous of securing said line through our city and county and

WHEREAS, General Tiernan has suggested that the citizens of the various points along said line shall co-operate with each other and company, in building said railroad, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we the said board of trade of Clinton are in hearty sympathy with said company, and stand ready and willing to extend all proper aid and encouragement in the building of said road.

RESOLVED, that we hereby extend an invitation to the citizens of Versailles, Cole Camp and Butler, and the board of trade of Ft. Scott to co-operate with us in this enterprise.

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to General Tiernan, by our secretary, and also to the newspapers of the above named cities.

GEO. S. HOLLIDAY,  
C. H. GRIFFEN, Com.  
H. P. FARIS.

Francis Tiernan, of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado railroad, arrived home to-day over the Missouri Pacific. Mr. Tiernan is in the best of health and spirits, and as jolly and genial as ever. He is just plumb full of his railroad project, and says he will have the road built and the cars running in a very short time. The road he says, will be built just as soon as men and money can do it. Forty miles from St. Louis westward is now covered with workmen, and the track is being laid. Over thirty teams are at work in Kansas, this side of the Missouri line, and working this way. This road is not a myth, but a living reality, and before 1887 a through trunk line between here and St. Louis will be in full operation.—Ft. Scott Monitor.

## A Benefit to all Concerned.

Concerning the proposed extension of the C. B. & Q. from Carrollton to Ft. Scott via Waverly, Higginsville and Holden, and the recent visit of our delegation to Chicago, in the interest of the project, the Chicago Inter Ocean makes the following comment, which, taken from a paper of that character has no little weight:

"A delegation of ten gentlemen representing the mercantile and agricultural interests of LaFayette, Johnson, and Bates counties, Mo., were in the city yesterday for the purpose of securing the immediate extension of the Burlington road from Carrollton, Carroll county, Mo. to Ft. Scott, Kan., a distance of 120 miles. They appeared before the board of trade in this city and presented their claims, which were attentively listened to. Every aid possible was promised. Unfortunately, Mr. T. J. Porter was not in the city. At present Holden and the points southwest of Higginsville have no direct communication with Chicago which is the center with which they want to communicate. The new line, if built, would be the shortest line by twenty miles into Chicago, and would bring \$2,000,000 a year into Chicago through mercantile trade alone and would be an advantage to this city that neither St. Louis or Kansas City would reish. The country traversed is rich as a grazing and farming section, and in Johnson and LaFayette counties more corn is raised than in any two other counties

in the state. The gentlemen interested have held large mass meetings at home, and have voted to give the railroad company all necessary right of way and depot grounds. They know that the line will ultimately be built, but they want it constructed at once. Proper statistics were filed with the officials of the Burlington road, testifying to the correctness of their demands. There is every reason to believe that the line will shortly be built and that the Burlington road and all interested will be greatly benefited."

## THE ART LEAGUE.

A Large Audience and a Good Entertainment.

A large and well pleased audience assembled in the opera house last evening to hear and see Mr. Stuart Rogers in his splendid character delineations, which were undoubtedly the best ever witnessed in this city. The reading of the gentleman was perfect, and his imitations of various personages was of such a nature as to call forth round after round of applause. Should he appear again before a Leavenworth audience there would not be standing room in the house, which would have been the case if the storm had not been so severe. The Art League may feel justly proud of their successful endeavors to please as highly cultivated and critical audience as that of last night.—Leavenworth Times, Kansas, May 20, 1885.

## Laid to a Mackerel.

New York, March 3.—"A salt mackerel and two bottles of ginger ale did it," remarked a nephew of Mr. John Keiley.

"Did what?" was asked.  
"Worked marvelous changes in Uncle John. He had been in bed six weeks and had partaken of but little nourishment. Four weeks ago he thought he would relish salt mackerel and some ginger ale. These were produced and placed at the bedside and soon disappeared. In half an hour a marked change was noticeable. Uncle John said the mackerel worked a miracle and he felt much stronger. He got up and walked about the following day. His appetite was splendid and he ate two mutton chops and another salt mackerel, which helped to increase his strength and he exercised in the afternoon with a pair of dumb bells. He is growing steadily better and hopes to be out in the spring. During the day he exercises about his bedroom and reads newspapers."

## Men Think

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## MONEY TO LOAN AT SIX

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## Coal Oil Inspector

Notice is hereby given to all dealers in coal oil in Bates County that I have secured the necessary testing instruments and duly qualified and am now ready to perform the duties of my office as contemplated by law. Dealers will find it to their interest to notify me before offering any oil for sale, as I am determined to do my duty in the matter and prosecute all violators of this section to the fullest extent of the law. L. LAMPKIN,  
Coal Oil Inspector for Bates Co.

## Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, Thomas B. Harbin and Augusta Harbin his wife by their deed of trust dated January 7th 1885, and recorded in the Recorder's office within and for Bates county, Missouri, in book No. 23, page 336, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate lying and being situated in the county of Bates and State of Missouri, to-wit: The west half of the east half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section eleven (11), township thirty-nine (39) of range thirty (30), containing thirty acres more or less which conveyance was made in trust to secure the debt of one hundred and fifty dollars and interest thereon, and whereof default has been made in the payment of said promissory note now long past due and unpaid. Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of trust, I will proceed to sell the above described premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the east front door of the court house in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, on

Thursday March, 25th 1886,  
between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for the purpose of satisfying said debt, interest and costs.

F. M. ALLEN, Trustee.

## Trustee's Sale.

Whereas Mary E. Bonnette who has been dead for more than nine months by her deed of trust dated August 25th 1885, and recorded in the Recorder's office within and for Bates county, Missouri, in book No. 23, page 336, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate lying and being situated in the county of Bates and state of Missouri, to-wit: The west half of the east half of the northwest quarter of section five (5), township thirty-nine (39), of range thirty (30) containing forty acres more or less: With conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain note fully described in said deed of trust; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said promissory note and the same is now long past due and unpaid. Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of trust, I will proceed to sell the above described premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, on

Thursday, April 8th 1886,  
between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for the purpose of satisfying said debt, interest and costs.

C. C. DUKE, Trustee.

## Mortgagee's Sale.

Whereas, Abbie Martin and W. J. Martin her husband, and Henry Rogers, did, by their certain chattel mortgage, dated January 1st, 1886, and duly acknowledged, executed and delivered to the undersigned, on January 14th, 1886, and duly recorded in book No. 37, at page 88 of the Mortgage Record of Bates county, Missouri, on said above mentioned date, sell, assign transfer and set over to the undersigned, the following described property to-wit:  
One black horse, 5 years old, white snip on the nose, about 15 hands high; one bay horse, known as the A. Henry horse, about 15 1/2 hands high, two bay horses, 7 and 9 years old, about 15 hands high, two gray horses, about 14 or 14 1/2 hands high, known as the Burk ponies, one gray horse, 7 years old, about 15 hands high; one mouse colored mare, 9 years old, about 14 1/2 hands high; one bay mare, split left ear 14 hands high; one black horse about 15 hands high; one dun pony, 7 for 8 years old, about 13 1/4 hands high; one bay horse about 9 years old, about 15 hands high; one bay horse, 7 years old, blaze face, about 15 hands high; one span of gray mares about 15 hands high, about 5 and 9 years old respectively; one spring wagon, built by Caterlin & Legg of Butler; one two horse buggy of same make; one two horse buggy side springs; one double, end spring buggy; one single buggy, Columbus buggy; one single buggy, Bruster springs; also all harness, saddles, traps, whips, &c., sold by said second party to said first party to secure the payment of certain promissory notes in said mortgage, and whereof default has been made in the payment of certain notes and interest in said chattel mortgage described, the said Eliza J. Willis the undersigned by virtue of the term of the said chattel mortgage, and the power in her vested, did elect and declare the whole sum therein described to become immediately due and payable on the 15th day of March 1886.  
And whereas the said notes in said mortgage described are not fully paid and satisfied, Therefore the undersigned having taken possession of said property will on

Wednesday, April 7th 1886,  
at the Elk Horn Stable in the city of Butler county of Bates and state of Missouri, sell, under the direction of the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the above described property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said debt and cost. Witness my hand this 15th day of March, 1886.

ELIZA J. WILLIS, Mortgagee.

## Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.  
COUNTY OF BATES, ss.  
In the Circuit Court of Bates county, June term, 1886.

Henry Hartman, plaintiff,  
vs.  
John F. Stebaugh, defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein by his attorney, the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court in vacation and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant is not a resident of the State of Missouri.

Whereupon it is ordered by the Clerk in vacation that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced suit against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to correct a deed made by the defendant to one Lewis Smith, wherein defendant conveyed the north half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 9, township 38 of range 29, in Bates county, Missouri, instead of the south half of the southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 9 aforesaid from the defendant and vest the same in plaintiff as grantee of said Lewis Smith. Also for the purpose of obtaining a decree cancelling a certain mortgage made by said Lewis Smith to the defendant about the 8th day of September, 1887, and that unless the said John F. Stebaugh be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Butler, in said county, on the seventh (7th) day of June next, and on or before the sixth day of said term, if the same shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And be it further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Butler Weekly Times, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Bates county, Mo., for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the first day of the next term of Circuit Court.

J. K. JENKINS, Circuit Clerk.  
A true copy from the Record. Witness my hand and the Seal of the Circuit Court of Bates County, this 15th day of March, 1886.  
J. K. JENKINS, Circuit Clerk.

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